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In re Application of

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

By Official Action mailed *June 23, 2003*, restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 18, 21-32, 49-50, and 52-53, drawn to the fence support, classified in class 256, subclass 1.
- II. Claims 51, drawn to the method of constructing a fence post, classified in class 29, subclass 493+.

In response Applicant hereby elects *Group I*, upon which *claims 18, 21-32, 49-50, and 52-53* are readable on the elected invention. The election is made *without* traverse. Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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